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C O N F I D E N T I A L FORT LAMY 1265

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DENIAU ARRIVING FOR FRANCO-CHADIAN TALKS

REF: FORT LAMY 1192

1. COMPLETE SILENCE IN ALL MEDIA HAS SURROUNDED VISIT TO FORT LAMY OF GOF SECSTATE FOR COOPERATION DENIAU, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE KNOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS THAT VISIT WAS TO TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING DENIAU'S YAOUNDE TALKS. DENIAU WILL ARRIVE LATER TODAY AND BEGIN TWO-DAY SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH TOMBALBAYE, WHO APPEARS TO HAVE KEPT PLANS FOR VISIT SECRET EVEN FROM MANY OF HIS CLOSEST COLLABORATORS. HE IS REPORTEDLY FURIOUS THAT NEWS OF VISIT HAS LEAKED THROUGH FRENCH EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

2. ASSOCIATED WITH DENIAU IN TALKS WILL BE FRENCH GENERAL LESCURE, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY AID AND COOPERATION, WHO ARRIVED UNANNOUNCED IN FORT LAMY OVER WEEK END. APPOINTMENT MADE FOR LESCURE YESTERDAY, WITH GOC ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF ODINGAR WAS CANCELED ON STOMBALBAYE'S ORDERS.

3. SOURCE IN PRESIDENCY INFORMS US THAT NO RPT NO FRENCH SUBVENTIONS TO GOC HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SINCE BEGINNING OF

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THIS SEMESTER, THREATENING REPETITION OF LAST YEAR'S CIRCUM-

STANCES WHICH GOF USED OVER FOUR OR FIVE MONTH BARGAINING PERIOD TO EXTRACT GOC PROMISE OF GREATER FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.

4. FRENCH ARE NOW "THREE UP" ON TOMBALBAYE, HAVING (A) MADE HIM SWALLOW HIS PRIDE BY PERSONALLY ASKING AMBASSADOR WIBAUX TO INVITE DENIAU, (B) HELD HIM OVER BARREL FACING BANKRUPTCY FOR PAST SIX WEEKS AND (C) OBLIGED HIM TO CALL OFF HYSTERICAL ANTI-FRENCH CAMPAIGN IN MEDIA FOR PAST FORTNIGHT. AS THEY HAVE BEFORE, FRENCH SEEM TO HAVE SUCCEEDED NEATLY IN PAINTING TOMBALBAYE INTO CORNER BEFORE START OF NEGOTIATIONS. ONE HOPES, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WILL SHOW RESTRAINT IN HUMBLING PROCESS ENOUGH TO PERMIT TOMBALBAYE TO LIVE WITH HIS NEW NON-LACKEY IMAGE. IN HIS PRESENT FRUSTRATED FRAME OF MIND HE MIGHT JUST TRY SOMETHING SPECTACULAR.  
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